

PUGET SOUND MONITORING CONSORTIUM

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 15 October 2008 10:00 AM – Noon
University of Washington Tacoma
Tacoma Room (GWP 320)

FINAL SUMMARY

OF THE MEETING'S KEY DISCUSSIONS, DECISIONS, AND AGREEMENTS

Attendees and the organizations they represent:

Pam Bennett-Cumming, Mason County; **Bruce Crawford**, NOAA; **Rob Duff**, Washington State Department of Ecology; **Stuart Glasoe**, Washington State Department of Health; **Kris Holm**, Business Caucus, including The Boeing Company; **Bruce Jones**, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission; **Heather Kibbey**, City of Everett; **Fran McNair**, Washington State Department of Natural Resources; **Scott Redman**, Puget Sound Partnership; **Susan Crowley Saffery**, City of Seattle; **Jim Simmonds**, King County; **Ken Stone**, Washington State Department of Transportation; **Heather Trim** (People for Puget Sound), Environmental Caucus of the Puget Sound Partnership; **Gary Turney**, U.S. Geological Survey; **Rob Wilson**, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; **Karen Dinicola** (Ecology), Project Manager; and **Jim Reid**, facilitator.

COMMITTEE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DIRECTION ON THE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

The Consortium is due to provide a report to the Legislature on its achievements and activities during the current biennium. The report is due in December. After reviewing a draft that Jim Reid wrote and a two-page summary that Karen Dinicola drafted, the Committee provided this additional direction in the development of the report:

- The Consortium will recommend to the Legislature that the Puget Sound Partnership should identify by 30 June 2009 a preferred governance structure for housing all of the necessary functions of an integrated, coordinated regional monitoring and assessment program, and that the Partnership should implement a transition to the selected structure during the 2009-'11 biennium.
- In making the recommendation that the Partnership select a governance model by the end of June next year, the Consortium should acknowledge that the monitoring program will be “ramped up” over time, but that the governance structure is needed to guide the “ramping up” of the monitoring program.
- Use Karen’s two page summary of the history of the Consortium and its accomplishments of the past year as well as its description of the Consortium’s recommendations as the opening of the report.

- Reduce the number of recommendations to three, as Karen's summary does. The recommendations are: 1) The monitoring program requires adequate capacity. Include within this recommendation the understanding that a variety of sources need to provide that capacity, one of which is a contribution of state funds. 2) The legislature should recommend to the Partnership that it select one of the two governance models described in the Consortium's report by 30 June 2009. 3) Support the establishment, use and funding of work groups, one of which is the Stormwater Work Group, and other efforts to implement the coordinated monitoring program. Reference the Stormwater Work Group's work plan, and the language of the proposed budget's proviso, which proposes continuing the current biennial budget's level of funding for the Consortium.
- In listing essential elements of a coordinated monitoring program for Puget Sound (no matter which governance model is chosen), move to the top of the list inclusive decision-making (involves all key stakeholders in making decisions) and transparency of decision-making.
- In describing one of the models, our report should not refer to it as an expanded PSAMP, but as a "state agency-based program housed within the Puget Sound Partnership."
- For #5 on that list, have it read "Integrate and cooperative with existing monitoring and assessment efforts around the Puget Sound region."

The Committee decided to continue to entertain the idea of including statements from each caucus or organization about their unique individual needs from and roles in an integrated, coordinated regional monitoring program. These statements are due by the end of the day on Monday, the 27th. Once we have reviewed them all, we will decide whether or not they are of value to include in the report.

As we did on September 18th, we discussed to whom the Consortium's report and recommendations should be presented. The Senate and House Natural Resources Committees that are chaired by Senator Rockefeller and Representative Upthegrove, respectively, should receive the report and a presentation by the Consortium. The Governance Committee also expects to present it to the Partnership's Science Panel and then to the Leadership Council, as well as to the Ecosystem Coordinating Board. We also discussed presenting it to representatives of the Governor's Office and to such organizations as the Association of Washington Business (AWB).

Around November 1st Karen will send to the members of the Governance Committee a proposed process for submitting and presenting the report to key groups.

COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER AT UW TACOMA CAMPUS, 9:30 – NOON

At the November meeting the Governance Committee will discuss: the revised report (which will be sent to Committee members approximately a week prior to the meeting), the process and schedule for presenting the report to key stakeholders, and the power point that Karen will develop to convey the key messages from the Consortium about the report and recommendations.